GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5500
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RECOVERY OF GROUND RENT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

to the answer given to Unstarred Question No.2210 dated December 14, 1999 regarding recovery of ground rent from the hotels and state:

(a) whether the said default hotels have since deposited their dues;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the action taken against them to recover the dues;

(d) the time from which the dues are outstanding from them;

(e): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `CAG report pulls up NDMC for failing to recover dues` appearing in the Hindustan Times, dated April 15, 2000;

(f): if so, the facts reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(g): the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(d): Ashoka Hotel, Taj Palace Hotel and Nehru Place Hotel have since paid ground rent due from them.Ground rent in respect of Bharat Hotel (Rs. 109.78 lacs), Taj Mansingh Hotel (Rs.2.29 lacs) and Le Meridian Hotel (Rs.49.94 lacs) which are payable by NDMC are due wef 15.7.98, 13.7.99 & 15.7.99 respectively.

(e)to(g): NDMC has reported that the captioned news clipping relates to recovery of licence fee from hotel Le-Meridien which has filed a Civil suit No.610/2000 in the Delhi High Court which is pending and that some payments are being made as per directions of the Hon`ble High Court from time to time.